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on

BERLIN CONTINGENCY PLANNING (U)

References: a. J.C.S. 1907/266
b. J.C.S. 1907/267

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The enclosed memorandum by the Deputy Secretary of Defense, dated 10 June 1960, is referred hereby to the J-5 for comment and recommendation as a matter of priority.

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Joint Secretariat.

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

10 June 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

Subject: Berlin Contingency Planning (U)

References: a. JCSM-202-60, 12 May 1960*
b. JCSM-220-60, 26 May 1960**

The Joint Chiefs of Staff in reference a. paragraph 2.a., stated that ". . . if it becomes evident that implementation of such plans is inevitable, certain political, economic, psychological and military measures should be taken to improve our military posture and to convince the USSR. . .".

In reference b. the Joint Chiefs forwarded a checklist of military and non-military measures which could be taken in connection with Soviet action against Berlin.

Recent events have emphasized the importance of being prepared to move to a posture of improved readiness on short notice. I would like, therefore, the Joint Chiefs to inform me of those specific military measures, in order of significance and timing, which they recommend be taken to improve our military posture, or to convince the USSR of our determination in the event of a change by USSR action to the current Berlin situation.

It is further requested that the list furnished me specify those measures which will require my attention and decision, and include where appropriate the estimated lead time from decision to achievement of capability.

/s/ JAMES H. DOUGLAS
Deputy

* Enclosure "A" to J.C.S. 1907/266

** Enclosure and Appendices "A", "B" and "C" to J.C.S. 1907/267